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SUBJ: FRENCH CREDITS TO EGYPT FOR FOOD PURCHASES

1. ON 2/11/77, ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER QUOTE THE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE UNQUOTE CARRIED STORY THAT FRANCE HAD EXTENDED CREDITS AMOUNTING TO 650 MILLION FRANCS TO EGYPT FOR PURCHASE OF FOOD-STUFFS. COMMODITIES MENTIONED WERE 400,000 TONS WHEAT AND FLOUR, 5,000 TONS BUTTER AND MARGARINE, 10,000 TONS POWDERED MILK, AND 10,000 TONS FROZEN CHICKENS AND CANNED MEAT. CREDIT TERMS WERE STATED AS BEING 25 PERCENT PAYMENT UPON SHIPMENT FOR WHEAT, 20 PERCENT PAYMENT UPON SHIPMENT FOR FLOUR, AND BALANCE IN 8 QUARTERLY INSTALLMENTS. TERMS FOR OTHER COMMODITIES WERE STATED AS 20 PERCENT PAYMENT UPON SHIPMENT AND BALANCE IN 7 QUARTERLY INSTALLMENTS.

2. SINCE ARABIC PRESS CARRIED CONFLICTING STORIES ON FRENCH CREDITS, AGATTACHE CONTACTED DR. AHMED FOUAD MIKAWI, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, GENERAL AUTHORITY FOR SUPPLY COMMODITIES (PURCHASING UNCLASSIFIED

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ENTITY FOR MINISTRY OF SUPPLY) ON 2/12/77. DR. MIKAWI BASICALLY CONFIRMED ENGLISH LANGUAGE VERSION WITH QUALIFICATIONS. HE SAID SIMILAR AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED LAST YEAR BUT ONLY TOKEN SHIPMENTS WERE MADE. HE EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT EGYPT WOULD USE THE NEW CREDITS FOR ANY COMMODITIES EXCEPT WHEAT AND FLOUR BECAUSE FRENCH PRICES ARE TOO HIGH FOR THE OTHERS. WHILE WHEAT AND FLOUR SHIPMENTS MAY BEGIN AS EARLY AS JUNE, HE STATED THAT NEW

FRENCH CREDITS WILL BE PRINCIPALLY USED FOR FY-1978 IMPORTS IF  
AT ALL.

3. COMMENT. DR. MIKAW'S REMARKS WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THAT  
NEW FRENCH CREDITS ARE MORE FOR LOCAL PUBLIC RELATIONS VALUE  
THAN ACTUAL PURCHASES OF FRENCH FOODSTUFFS, END COMMENT.  
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